



12 August 2010

Dear fellow Spouse,

Hello and congratulations. It's my sincere hope that you've been able to sit back with your Selectee and take a moment to enjoy their selection to Chief Petty officer.

I know that both of you are going through a very chaotic and even confusing time right now. If you have questions or concerns, seek out the spouse of a Chief who has been in the Mess for a few years and they'll be able to assist you. I know that when Rick made Chief twenty-two years ago, the support I received from my fellow spouses was of tremendous value.

This achievement is a milestone for you both and is the goal of nearly every enlisted man or woman. Your support, though, has been as critical to their success as any single achievement or evaluation. I know that Rick and I appreciate all that you do everyday as you stand next to your spouse and support them during whatever challenge lies ahead.

I also ask that you get involved as you can, and I realize many spouses work outside the home as well. A couple of items that assisted me were visiting the Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSCs) and taking the COMPASS class, both should be available in Fleet concentration areas.

September 16<sup>th</sup> is the proudest day in any Chief Petty Officer's career, and that pride should be shared by you.

Thanks again, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bobbi West'.

BOBBI WEST  
Ombudsman-at-Large